



National Park Service
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Flagstaff Area National
Monuments

Walnut Canyon, Sunset
Crater Volcano and
Wupatki National
Monuments

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Visiting Our Outdoor Classrooms

National Park Service sites offer wonderful opportunities for students to experience an outdoor classroom. In gaining greater understanding of the earth and its inhabitants students learn stewardship and preservation ethics. Park Rangers work to preserve and protect monument resources while teaching students about what makes the sites special. Follow the steps below to plan and schedule your visit.

Schedule Your Visit: Please call or visit the park's web site and click on "Education Programs" for registration forms and other information on planning your visit:



- (928) 526- 3367 / www.nps.gov/waca for trips to Walnut Canyon.
- (928) 526- 0502 / www.nps.gov/sucr for trips to Sunset Crater Volcano.
- (928) 679- 2365 / www.nps.gov/wupa for trips to Wupatki.

Please schedule your visit **at least one month in advance**, regardless of whether or not you would like a ranger program. If other groups have planned a visit on your day of choice, you may need to reschedule.

- **Helpful Tips:** Consider visiting off- season. The monuments are open every day but Christmas. March- June and August- October are the busiest months with many visiting school groups.

Groups who schedule an Orientation Resource Talk or other educational program will receive a Confirmation Letter that will serve as entrance to the park.

Other groups that are planning a purely recreational visit are subject to the entrance fee. Please call (928) 526- 1157 for more information on fee waivers.

Change in Plans: If your plans change and you need to reschedule or cancel your visit, please **notify the monument you were scheduled to visit as soon as possible**. Programs may be cancelled if you do not arrive within 15 minutes of the scheduled starting time.



Group Size: Our facilities and monument resources cannot withstand groups of students and chaperones larger than 30 at one time in one place. If you will be bringing a large group to visit, please notify the monument so that we may assist in accommodating your group.

- **Helpful Tips:** Large groups can be divided between locations within one monument or between two monuments if you are visiting more than one. Please have your group divided into units of 30 or less prior to arrival.

Supervision: A minimum of **one adult to five students** is required. All adult chaperones are expected to actively participate in the supervision of students. Chaperones supervise and maintain discipline, while park rangers help students learn. An adult must accompany students at all times while in the monuments. It is not the responsibility of park personnel to take over the field trip once the group arrives. Chaperones will be on their own with their group after the ranger talk or walk. Monument rules and regulations must be adhered to.



What You Can Expect From Us

We will assist with scheduling and coordinating your trip to provide students with a safe and worthwhile learning experience in our outdoor class

If you request a ranger- led program, we will make every attempt to have a ranger available during your visit. We can usually provide a short Orientation Resource talk to groups of 30 or less at one time.

We may not be able to offer additional programs at certain times due to staffing levels. Sometimes emergencies arise that call rangers away. Please be prepared to conduct the visit on your own if necessary.